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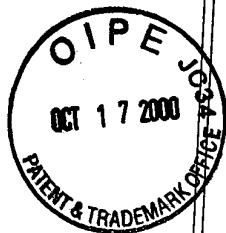
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Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the United States patents, which are readily available to the Examiner, are not enclosed. Applicant would be glad to furnish copies of the U.S. Patents if the Examiner desires. Enclosed is a copy of the Search/Examination report corresponding to the PCT application. It is respectfully requested that the cited references be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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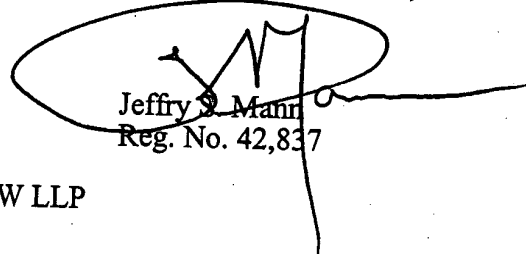
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